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In response to the Office action of 12/03/2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.



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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- 2. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Applicant is other than a small entity.
- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for other total number of months checked below:

Fee for other than	
small entity	
\$ 110.00	
\$ 400.00	
\$ 920.00	
\$ 1,440.00	

Fee \$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefore.

An extension for	_months has already been secured and the fee paid
therefore of \$	is deducted from the total fee due for the total months
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		OR
(b)		Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
Total Claims	21	Minus	24	= 0	x \$18 =	\$ 0	
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	= 6	x \$86 =	\$ 0	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMOUNT					\$ 0		

(c) \boxtimes No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$ -0-

FEE PAYMENT

If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 20-0668 and/or if any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 20-0668. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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